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- 1. JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY MADE STATE VISIT TO TANZANIA SEPT. 11-13, ONE DAY LESS THAN SCHEDULED, WHILE REMAINDER OF DELEGATION--MINISTER OF STATE IN PM'S OFFICE DUDLEY THOMPSON, FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR EGERTON RICHARDSON, AND HIGH COMMISSIONER TO TANZANIA BASED IN ETHIOPIA REPURT FOREMAN--REMAINED THROUGH 14TH.
- 2. MANLEY REPEATED OFFER TO ARRANGE FOR JAMAICAN VOLUNTEERS TO FIGHT IN AFRICAN LIBERATION WARS, ADDING JAMAICA IS ALSO PREPARED TO SEND MONEY AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. MANLEY STATED THAT "OUR INDEPENDENCE IS INEXTRICABLY BOUND UP WITH FREEDOM WHICH IS BOUND TO COME FROM WARS OF LIBERATION NOW GOING ON IN SOUTH AFRICA." HE WAS LAVISH IN PRAISE OF NYERERE DESCRIBING HIM AS MAN OF "GENUINE POLITICAL ORIGINALITY" WHO HAS INSPIRED NEW NATIONS WHICH ARE STRUGGLING TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. MANLEY ADDED THAT NYERERE AND TANZANIA "ARE CONDUCTING ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL EXPERIMENTS IN WORLD TODAY." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. FOR HIS PART, NYERERE EMPHASIZED MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS
 BETWEEN TANZANIA AND JAMAICA. HE PRAISED ESTABLISHMENT OF
 CARIBBEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, COMPARING IT TO EAST AFRICAN
 COMMUNITY. HE WELCOMED ATTENDANCE BY CARRIBBEAN REPRESENTATIVES
 AT JULY MEETING IN LAGOS OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF COMMERCE.
 NYERERE SAID SUCH ATTENDANCE INDICATED FUTURE OF POOR NATIONS IS
 INTERLINKED DESPITE DISTANCES BETWEEN THEM.
- 4. MANLEY STATED DURING VISIT THAT SOME JAMAICAN STUDENTS WILL BE SENT TO KIVUKONI COLLEGE, TANU'S IDEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, FOR POLITICAL STUDIES WHILE SOME TANZANIAN STUDENTS WILL STUDY AGRICULTURE IN JAMAICA.
- 5. JOINT COMMUNIQUE IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND KINGSTON WHEN AVAILABLE.
- 6. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMB. OFF. GOT WAS VERY PLEASED WITH VISIT AND BELIEVED JAMAICAN DELEGATION WAS EQUALLY SATISFIED. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM CHARGE, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY IN FON. MIN. SAID THERE WAS NO SPECIAL PROBLEM IN JAMAICA THAT REQUIRED MANLEY'S ABRUPT DEPARTURE, BUT PM FELT AN EARLY RETURN WAS PRUDENT. BEYER

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